THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: How this question is admitted, I don't know.... *(Interruptions)*..... O.K. Chimanbhaiji

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: I want to put one question.... *(Interruptions)*....

SHRI JAGESH DESAI: This question is only for one officer....*(Interruptions)*.....

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: It is not a question of one officer, remember. First of all, as I assume her to be, ... if an honest officer is prosecuted, I stand by her.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chimanbhai, you read the answer and them you discuss it with the Minister and get satisfactory reply. अभी आप दूसरा सवाल पूछिए।

श्री चिमनभाई मेहता: दूसरा सवाल कौन-सा पूछूं?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is Q. No. 307, where you are a questioner also. You ask that question. It is regarding decline in Central assistance to states.

Decline in Central Assistance to States

*307. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:†

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central assistance for State Plans is declining in real terms; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that huge transfer of resources has occured during last 3 years of more than one per cent of the GDP from the States to Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

†The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Chimanbhai Mehta.

Statement

(a) Central assistance to States for State Plans has been analysed for the years 1992-93 (BE) to 1994-95 (BE) and it may be seen from the Statement given below that the same has not declined in real tarms.

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Central assistance to States for State Plans (BE)	Central assistance in real terms (1992-93 level)
1992-93	14820	14820
1993-94	16520	14910
1994-95	18741	15293

(b) There is no transfer of resources from States to Centre.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Now, the answer that has been given that Central assistance to States has gone up every year and in real terms, according to them, it has gone up. I asked the question in reference to inflation because in 1992-93, if it was Rs. 14,800 crores, in real terms, then in the subsequent year it becomes Rs. 16,000 crores. But the ratio of inflation should be taken into consideration, whether it has increased or decreased. According to the information given by you, in real terms, it has increased. But, I am still doubtful that if you take the inflation ratio, if you work out them on percentage basis, you find that in real terms the assistance to the States has gone down and, therefore, you should say, with the increase in prices whether the assistance has increased or decreased.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH): Madam, we have taken into account the inflation rate. The figures that are supplied in the answer assume an inflation rate of 10.8 per cent in the year 1993-94 and for the year 1994-95, although the year is not out, we have used the deflator of 10.6%. So, these are the figures.....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Chimanbhai, your second supplementary.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: It is all right. If you say these have gone up, then I am satisfied.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sahu, are you also satisfied?

श्री रजनी रंजन साहू (बिहार): मैं मंत्री महोदय से, क्योंकि समय कम है इसलिए छोटा सा पूरक प्रश्न पूछना चाहूंगा कि वास्तविक रूप में जो केन्द्रीय सहायता 1993-94 और 1994-95 में दी गयी है, इसमें बिहार के बारे में आपके पास कोई आंकड़े हैं कि बिहार को राज्य योजनाओं के लिए जो रकम दी गयी है, उसका अनुमानित बजट एस्टीमेट में क्या था और वास्तविक रूप में क्या दिया गया है?

SHRI MANMOHAN SINGH: Madam, I don't have the figures for individual States with me. I will make these figures available to the hon. Member. But, I do wish to point out that in the case of Bihar the total Central assistance exceeds the total size of the plan, as implemented. That itself is a measure of Bihar's financial situation and what the Central Government is doing to help Bihar.

*308. *[The questioner (Shri Prakash Yashwant Ambedkar) was absent. For answer Vide Col... infra]*

Live Telecast of Pak TV Programmes by Cable Operators

*309. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that cable operators in Delhi and some other places are telecasting Pakistan Television Programmes live from Lahore and Islamabad;

(b) whether these programmes contain anti-India propaganda, lies against security forces, and also tend to spread communal hatred;

(c) if so, the reasons for which the cable operators have been allowed to telecast these programmes;

(d) whether Government propose to ban these telecast of Pakistan Television Programmes; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Government is aware that the programmes on PTV_2, a Pakistan Television channel transmitted via the Asiasat-1 satellite, can be received in this country through an appropriate dish antenna by individuals and cable operators.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) Presently the programmes uplinked from abroad and telecast on foreign satellite channels are not governed by the laws of this country. However, the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Bill, 1993, presently awaiting the approval of Parliament, does contain a provision empowering an officer authorised by the State Government to prohibit, in the public interect, any cable operator from transmitting or re-transmitting any programme unless such programme is in conformity with the prescribed programme code.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now the Question Hour is over. Mr. Poojary, you can put your question to the Minister because he is sitting next to you.

SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO: Madam, I am willing to have a Half-Hour discussion if the hon. Member so desires.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Poojary, if you want to have a Half-Hour discussion, you can ask the Chairman. We will see how we can do it.

Now the Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Criteria for Allotment of Telephone connections

*301. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules for allotment of